

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 62

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brian Elrod on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Brian Elrod, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on May 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the son of proud parents, Keith and Marion Elrod, and younger brother to Kevin Elrod, who preceded him in earning the rank of Eagle Scout, Brian Elrod has demonstrated an advanced level of maturity and leadership ability, in earning his Eagle Scout rank at the young age of fourteen; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of the Smoky Mountain Council, Boy Scout Troop 88, sponsored by New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville, includes, among many other awards, God and Me and the Arrow of Light awards, election to the Order of the Arrow, as well as election to many distinguished positions in his troop, including Senior Patrol Leader; Brian is currently serving as the Chapter Chief of the Tuckaleechee Chapter of the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, on a national level, Brian has attended the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, in 2005, and the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Brian Elrod's Eagle Scout project to build a fence around a horseshoe pit at Louisville Point Park in Blount County, and to landscape around the fence and in other areas of

the park, greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, he no doubt learned some important building skills as a former member of the Maryville Middle School Builder's Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Brian Elrod is already an accomplished freshman at Maryville High School, where he is a member of the Maryville High School band and is active in both the Maryville middle and high school bands; he has studied percussion for a number of years and has participated in jazz bands, concert bands, winter drum lines, and the marching band; and

WHEREAS, he is currently part of the Duke University Star Program, which tracks the successes of students who demonstrate the qualities needed in order to be successful in life; and

WHEREAS, few programs prepare a young man for future success as does the Boy Scouts of America; Brian Elrod plans to continue his scouting career by working toward earning the Eagle Palms awards and eventually becoming a scout leader himself; and

WHEREAS, possible future career plans for Brian include being a chef, a computer hardware engineer, or pursuing a career in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Brian Elrod as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Brian Elrod on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.